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PROCEEDINGS AND HANDBOOK

Labor conditions caused by the coal strike, or greatly aggravated by it, delayed the Asbury Park Conference Proceedings and the 1919 Handbook until we almost despaired of their ever seeing the light of day—or the mail. Proceedings, we are glad to say, finally found a binder who would condescend to sew them, and they were mailed the last week in January. If you didn't get yours, let us know. The Handbook, still more critically caught in the coal strike, is at last approaching page proof stage, and will we hope be out some time in February.

The A. L. A. has been invited to send an official delegate to the conference of the (British) Library Association which meets this year [September?] at Norwich, and it is hoped the invitation can be accepted. The A. L. A. plans to reciprocate by inviting a representative of the British association to our 1921 Conference.

A WORD FROM LOUVAIN

The Secretary of the A. L. A. has recently received the following letter from the director of the Library of the University of Louvain:

Dear Sir:

The fifteen packages containing the publications of the A. L. A. reached us in safety and are now proving a great boon to our young assistants. You no doubt know that there was no learned assistant left to assist us in our work of restoration, so that I have been compelled to conduct a library course for the preparation of some capable workers. By that, you will be able to gauge the magnitude of the service your publications will render, as I am very anxious to have sound, practical and progressive methods practiced in the new library.

For that, I beg to present the American Library Association with my most heartfelt thanks; the remembrance of the service rendered in these circumstances will be faithfully treasured amongst the Louvain librarians.

With sincerest gratitude, I remain, dear sir,

Yours very truly,

L. STAINIER,

Director.

January 7, 1920.

CORRECTION OF ERROR

The paper of Mrs. Jessie Sargent McNiece, entitled "Labor saving in the lending department," which was presented before the Lending Department Round Table, at the Asbury Park Conference, was read by Dr. Bostwick for the reason that noise of a storm prevented Mrs. McNiece from being heard. The record in the *Bulletin*, indicating that Mrs. McNiece was absent, is an error.

Miss Ethel Fegan, whom her many American friends would like to see again, asks us to say that if any members of the A. L. A. are to be in Cambridge [England] this summer she would be delighted to see them, and would like to know in advance of their coming. Miss Fegan, who was librarian of Ladies' College, Cheltenham, at the time of her American visit in 1913, is now librarian of Girton College, Cambridge.